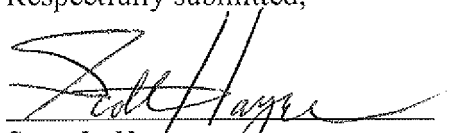
REMARKS

The Examiner issued an election requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring the Applicant to elect a single, disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant respectfully traverses this election requirement as improper, but provisionally elects Claims 1-20 in order to advance the prosecution of this case, despite the fact that Applicant considers claims 21-38 are not patentably distinct and should be examined together with claims 1-20.

A first Office Action on the merits is now respectfully awaited. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Scott L. Harper at 972.367.2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any payments that may be due to CARSTENS & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account 50-0392.

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